

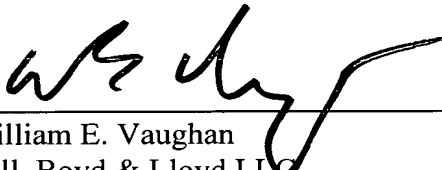
been presented solely because the revisions by bracketing and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-10 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The amendment is intended  
5 for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Indeed, the cancellation of claims 1-10 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-10.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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